Central University at Ranchi

5110. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to establish a Central University at Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 stipulates that, in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions. Programme of Action (POA) also directs that, given the necessity to arrest the declining trend in the flow of plan funds from UGC to State Universities and Colleges, the severe constraint of resources and the need to provide adequate infrastructure in the newly established Cental Universities in the North-East, the Government should exercise restraint in setting up more Central Universities. In view of this, the Central Governemnt is not in favour of setting up of new Central Universities or converting existing State Universities into Central Universities. However, the commitments already made by the Government in this regard will be fully honoured.

Education in Primary Schools

†5111. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the existing state of affairs of primary schools set up in rural regions, before implementing literacy campaign in the country;

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